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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE

January 27, 2004

Re: Our File: 11782-01
 Invention: A NEW PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR RAPID AND
 HOMOGENEOUS MIXING OF FLUIDS IN CONTINUOUS
 OPERATIONS
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The Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

Agent for Applicant respectfully acknowledges receipt of office action dated 10/31/2003 and 11/10/2003 and responds as follows:

Response to Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the office letter mailed on 04 April 2003

The applicant has received the track from the UPS that the response had been delivered to The Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on 02 October 2003, i.e. before 04 October 2003. Enclosed is a copy of the tracking summary. The applicant had also paid a check of \$465 for the extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for the patent application in that mail. The patent office took the money from my account on 14 October 2003.